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HSIN-MA Fact Sheet

<https://government.hsin.gov/sites/massachusetts/default.aspx>

HSIN-MA is a website created for the Commonwealth Fusion Center (CFC) by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). HSIN-MA is a key component in the Commonwealth's strategy of establishing an information sharing environment among the public safety and critical infrastructure partners in Massachusetts. The website is designed to facilitate the sharing of information between the various public safety disciplines and levels of government. The goal of this site is to provide one convenient and comprehensive information sharing portal where all core stakeholders can find and submit information pertinent to our homeland security mission. The site is secure and requires a user name and password. The CFC nominates and vets all users of HSIN-MA. Users are encouraged to post information on the web site that will benefit public safety in Massachusetts. Assistance or guidance for such posting can be obtained from the CFC.

HSIN-MA is composed of a homepage that can be accessed by everyone and three community specific portlets for which access is role based. The three portlets are: Law Enforcement, General Public Safety and Critical Infrastructure. The CFC strives to share as much information as possible with the widest community possible. Information that is Law Enforcement Sensitive will appear in the Law Enforcement portlet only. Each portlet will have some of the same functionality as the homepage but will be geared to the community of interest that it represents. Each portlet will also include a method for reporting incidents.

Major Components of HSIN-MA Homepage

- **Announcements** – Urgent information will be posted as announcements
- **Info/Doc Sharing** – documents may be posted to the website and can be searched
- **Recently Updated Products** – the most recent documents posted to the document library will appear on the homepage under recently updated products
- **News Scroll** – a scroll of pertinent news items
- **Events Calendar** – can be used to post meetings and training
- **Collaboration** – threaded discussions “for your information” or “requests for information” can be posted and responses added
- **Jabber** – secure chat
- **Search Capability** – searches the documents which have been posted

Training

Training is not mandatory in order to access HSIN-MA. However, both computer based and formal training classes are available through the Department of Homeland Security. Anyone with access to a computer training facility is welcome to request training; please contact the CFC for more information.

Access

Access is encouraged for law enforcement, public safety and critical infrastructure personnel with a need and a right to know sensitive homeland security information. To request access, please email fusion@pol.state.ma.us.